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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext.29
Security
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
Jeff Stacks ext.22
Transportation
Vance Willis ext.26
Finance/IT

Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

Chris Wright ext. 3

Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

***Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace,
is counted wise:
And he that shutteth his lips
is esteemed a man of understanding.***

Proverbs 17:28

President Calvin Coolidge, the thirtieth president of the United States, was a reserved man who spoke very little. A reporter attempted to interview him, and the conversation went as follows:

Reporter: Do you wish to say anything about the war threat in Europe?

Coolidge: No.

Reporter: About the strike in the clothing factories?

Coolidge: No.

Reporter: About the League of Nations?

Coolidge: No.

Reporter: About the farm production problem?

Coolidge: No.

As the reporter began to leave the room, Coolidge unexpectedly called him back and said, "Don't quote me on that."

Do you know why we have so many problems in our world today? Because we *talk* about them. If everybody would just mind their own business, take care of their own business, and stop talking so much, a lot of society's "problems" would magically go away.

Don't let yourself feel pressured into saying something you don't want to say, or into saying something when you don't feel like talking. Silence is not a *lack* of communication. It is a *form* of communication... and it can be a very effective one, at that.

Never pass up a good chance to keep your mouth shut!

In Christian Love,

Mike





There will be a baby shower for **Shelby Bates & Betsy Licciardello** today from 2 -4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Both are having boys. Betsy & Shelby are registered at Target & Buy Buy Baby.

A special Happy Anniversary to **Terry & Retha Duncan** who celebrated 50 years together on May 9th.

The elders will meet with the men of the congregation next Sunday at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.



We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, food and prayers us. We are very grateful to be part of such a caring family. Please continue to keep Noble & Dewayne as they slowly improve.

With love,
Paul, Noble & Dewayne Victory

MEMORIALS

A contribution was given to Youth Fund in loving remembrance of **Betty Craft** from **Liz Bryant**.

A contribution was given in memory of **Irma Coates & Ruth Pollock** by **Phil & Diane Coates**.



May 15 - Hickman County/East Hickman Graduation

May 16 - 3rd-5th grade devo during evening service @ Field House.

May 18 - Middle/High School Devo 6:30-8:30 @ the FH

May 23 - Puppet Show during evening service



Members: Isabella Liddell (home), Deborah Perry, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Raymond Stoltz, Dewayne Victory, Kenneth Chandler, Paul Victory, Noble Victory, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Misty Aydelott, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, Tony Duncan, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, Evan Boyd (Children's Hospital Cincinnati, OH), Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Mary England, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Harold Choate, Billie Church

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, & Helen Shanes.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

Does God Hear Your Voice?

What better way to begin one's day than in communion with God? I know that mornings can be among the busiest parts of the day, especially if you do what I do too often – keep hitting the snooze button until I end up in a mad scramble to get out of the house on time. But I have learned that on those mornings when I get up early (having made a commitment the night before to go to bed at a decent hour), and spend some time with God, my day goes so much better.

David seems to have figured this out long before I did. He said, "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up" (Psalm 5:3). In morning prayer you can find strength for today's challenges and forgiveness for yesterday's sins, because His mercies are "new every morning" (Lam. 3:22-23).

Will God hear your voice tomorrow morning?

*Eddie Parrish
Bedford, TX*



Center Fielders News

“Inner Life & Its Expression”

The scriptures set forth two kinds of inner life: carnal and spiritual. These two can be at home in the heart at the same time. For this reason, there is a constant battle, because “the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit is contrary to the flesh: and these are contrary to one another” (Galatians 5:17).

We obtain spiritual life by receiving Christ in faith and repentance. This involves humility, surrender of will, and brokenness before God. It is expressed in love for and obedience to the truth, respect for sacred things, and obedience to the authority set by God. There will be joy, peace, rest, power for pure living, confession of Christ before men, and willingness to suffer for Him. Jesus becomes the reason for our being and doing. This is the abundant life He came to give.

But there is a thief who wants to steal away this life and revive the carnal inner life that we receive by natural birth. Its traits are pride, envy, rebellion, stubbornness, anger, lust, hatred, and bitterness, which dwell naturally in our hearts. Carnal life is expressed in disobedience or eye service, disrespect toward authority and sacred things, mockery of the sincere and conscientious, an unbridled tongue, a casual spirit, self-defense, and self-justification. This kind of inner life destroys peace with God and with others, and it leads to eternal death in the end.

God has given us freedom to choose which kind of inner life will prevail. If it is the first, we are sheep in the fold of Christ---pure, peaceable, gentle, easily entreated, full of mercy and good fruit, and without partiality or hypocrisy. If it is the second, we are wolves in the kingdom of Satan.

Choose this day whom you will serve-----

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 9, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	210
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5508
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE MAY 16

SUNDAY MORNING:

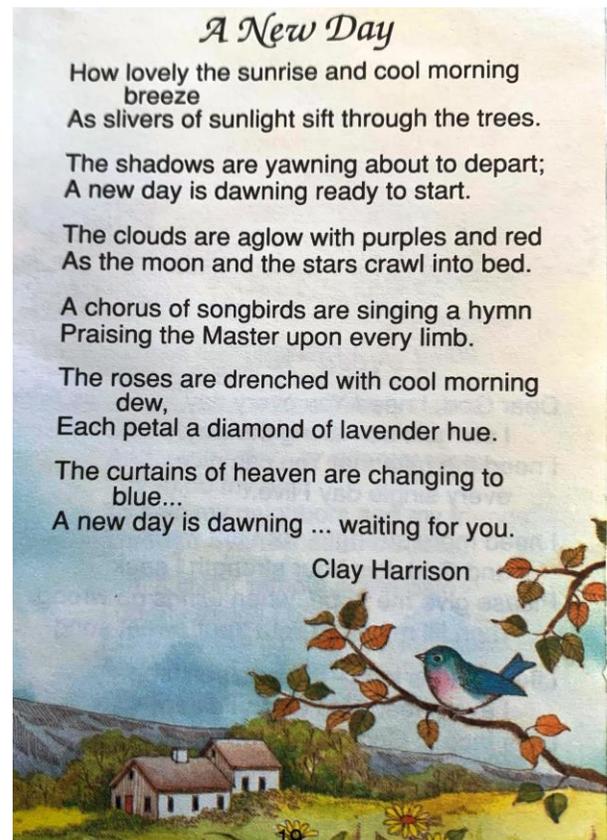
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Scripture Reading: Vance Willis
Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26
Preside Lord's Supper: Josh Copley
Alternates: Gary Wright, Wayne Prince
Basement: Gary Basford, Rick Bruno
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Matthew 18:7-9
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Lord's Supper: Boyce Cannon, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Jeff Stacks
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Rodney Rochelle
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Invitation: Mike Kelley



What's Good About Guilt?



Guilt is defined as “a feeling of responsibility or remorse for some offense, crime, wrong, etc.” What is good about this? When sin is committed and guilt follows, it could lead someone to repentance. It is good guilt that burdens the soul to the point that the need of a change is seen. It is even better guilt when the wrong is seen and the need of a change brings about godly sorrow and produces obedience to the Lord (2 Cor. 7:10). Think of those who have felt the tremendous pressure of guilt:

Saul felt the pain of guilt as he tried to kill David over and over (1 Sam. 17-31), but it was not good guilt because it never led to full repentance.

David felt the guilt of sinful adultery (as pointed out by Nathan the prophet) and confessed, “I have sinned against the Lord” (2 Sam. 12:13). His penitent heart and God’s forgiveness led him to say, “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered” (Psa. 32:1).

Peter felt guilt when he denied the Lord after having said he would never deny Him. “And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly” (Mat. 26:75). His guilt was good guilt because it led him to true godly sorrow (John 21).

Judas felt crushing guilt after he betrayed the Lord. “Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself” (Mat. 27:3-5). Unfortunately, his guilt did not produce godly sorrow to the saving of his life and soul (Acts 1:25).

So, guilt can work in a positive way or a negative way. Feeling guilt is often good because it means the heart is still tender and sensitive to the sting of sin (2 Kings 22:19; Rom. 6:23). It means repentance is still in reach because the heart has not yet been hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:12). The challenge for all is to recognize why guilt is felt. Assess if one is truly guilty and, if so, be motivated to change from guilty to guiltless (Jonah 3:8-10; Mat. 21:28,29; Luke 15:10).

*Derrick Coble
West Sparta church of Christ
Sparta, TN*



The Golden Agers enjoyed a fellowship meal at Homestead Restaurant on April 29th with 48 people present. The Golden Agers have met only one time since the pandemic began so it was good to get together again.

